

OF NOTE

Training starts for facility managers

Facility manager annual training is **every Wednesday**, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. For registration and location, call 846-7938 or e-mail bridget.walker@kirtland.af.mil.

Thrift Shop funds scholarships, charity

The Kirtland Officers' Spouses Club Thrift Shop raises funds for scholarships and other Air Force charities. Hours are **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** and the **first Saturday** each month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Consignments are taken 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on operating days, excluding the first Saturday. Donations are also accepted during operating hours. Spring and Easter holiday items are welcome for donations. The shop is on the west side of base on Biggs Avenue, across from the Roadrunner Lounge. Call 853-6927.

Blood drives set

Kirtland AFB sponsors blood drives conducted by United Blood Services. A waiting period is imposed for people who have had Smallpox vaccinations. Sandia National Laboratories, **every Tuesday**,

7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; **March 1 and 18** in the Bloodmobile by the Schiff Auditorium; **March 11 and 25** in the Bloodmobile by the Thunderbird Cafe; **March 13** in the Bloodmobile by Building 960, Area IV. Honeywell FM&T/NM, **March 6**, 7:30-a.m.

Electronic W-2s available

Military members and DOD civilians can view, save and print their W-2 wage and tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. Military retirees and annuitants can view, save and print their tax form 1099s as well.

Course helps new dads

Dads 101, a one-session, four-hour course for new and expecting first-time fathers, is offered at the Family Advocacy Program. The class is **March 4**, 8 a.m.-noon in Room D-13 of Building 20604. To reserve a seat, call Mike Walti or Beth DePersio at 846-0139.

Parent, infant group meets

Parents and their infants through 18 months old meet every Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Rio Grande Community Center. Call 846-0139.

Personnel Staff sergeant orientation planned

The final Staff Sergeant Orientation Course for the current promotion cycle is **March 10**, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Staff sergeant selects and recently promoted staff sergeants who did not attend the August class are expected to attend. Commanders and supervisors should make provisions for their Airman to attend. To attend, contact Staff Sgt. Erin L. Landers at 846-9749 or erin.landiers@kirtland.af.mil.

Recruiting Annual veterans art competition set

The Veterans Creative Art Competition, including art, music, drama and dance, is **March 14** at the Albuquerque Veterans Affairs Medical Center. All active New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System patients can participate in the contest. Entry deadline is **March 12**. Submissions will be photographed or videotaped for submission to the National Veterans Creative Arts Competition in Oklahoma City in October. For an entry form or more information, call 265-1711, extension 2208, 256-2858 or 800-465-8262, extensions 2208 or 2858.

Honor Guard leader sought

A sharp, motivated noncommissioned officer in the grade of staff sergeant through master sergeant is needed to fill the position as noncommissioned officer in charge of the TEAM KIRTLAND Honor Guard. If you are interested in the position, submit your package to Senior Master Sgt. James Orange, 377 SVS/CCF, or Lt. Col. Therese Robinson, 377 SVS/CC, by **March 21**. Required in the package are a letter stating why you would like to have this position, a letter of recommendation from squadron/unit commander, a letter of recommendation from immediate supervisor, your last three evaluation reports and AF Form 108 (Body Fat/Weight Management Program). **'Strides Against Breast Cancer' needs walkers** Teams are needed to join the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, **April 6**. Team captains are also needed. Contact Maj. Michael Earl, 846-3287, or by e-mail, michael.earl@kirtland.af.mil. **Reserve offers opportunities** The Air Force Reserve offers opportunities in a

variety of openings nationwide. Retraining is an option. Serve one weekend a month and two weeks annually while keeping most of your active duty benefits and earning retirement credit. Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544. **Volunteers of year proposals sought** During National Volunteer Week, Kirtland AFB honors all volunteers at its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Cookout, **May 2**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Rio Grande Community Center. All volunteers on the base are invited. During the ceremony and event, the Angel Award and the Volunteer Excellence awards are presented. Contact the Family Support Center at 846-0741 or 846-0751 for a nomination package or for more information. Nominations are due by **April 2**. **Boys, girls club celebrates diversity** The Boys and Girls Club is celebrating Diversity Family Day **today**, 6 p.m. Prizes will be distributed to the winners of the Diversity Essay Contest sponsored by the African-American Heritage Month committee. Call Capt. Marnita Eaddie at 846-0858

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1st Lt. Jeremy Goodwin

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Serving his country is a way of life for 1st Lt. Jeremy Goodwin. He knew that his future would be in military service even when he was a very young man.

“I knew I wanted to be in the Air Force,” Goodwin explained. “I knew I wanted to make it a career and had no intention of getting out before 20 years.”

An Air Force scholarship through Junior ROTC in his junior year of high school boosted that goal. Along with the scholarship, Goodwin is armed with his engineering degree from Embry Riddle University and service on the Kirtland Honor Guard.

“God really blessed me,” Goodwin explained. “I was 19 when I accepted Jesus. Everything that I do, God’s got to come first, no matter what...He’s blessed me that’s for sure.”

The executive officer to Col. James A. Neumeister,

Space and Missile Systems Center Detachment 12 commander, counts his blessings in the form of opportunities he has received through his military service to date, and he is enthusiastic about his future ability to serve America and the Air Force.

At the center, his work has been in the area of personnel matters—performance reports, awards, matters of disciplinary action. The gravity of his need to be excellent in his work sits heavily on his conscience.

“Whatever you do is going to affect somebody else’s career,” Goodwin noted.

Although he is a satellite tech engineer by training and misses engineering, he finds his duty assignment now to be rewarding as well as a great career move.

And, one reward, Goodwin noted is that “I get to work with some of the best

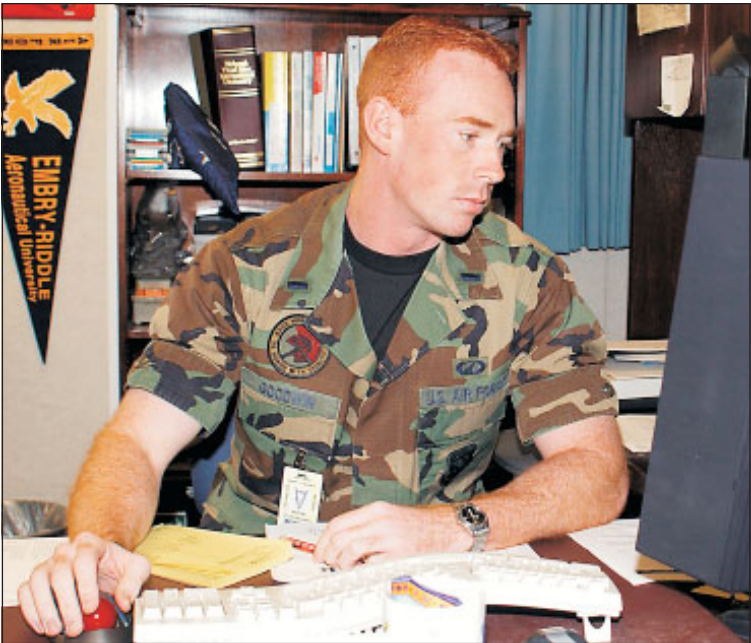


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folks in the world.” His career future will be working as an operations officer at the Detachment 12 deployables unit, in charge of taking antennas and remote satellite equipment all over the world and supervising 10-15 people. The assignment is one Goodwin is enthusiastic about beginning.

Goodwin hopes for success as an operations officer in the maintenance

field and in his return to acquisitions in a special operations role—perhaps someday in a command position.

“There are so many opportunities out here,” Goodwin said.

Membership in the honor guard the past three years is a valued experience Goodwin will always remember with pride and pleasure. “These guys rock,” he re-

marked of his honor guard colleagues.

“I wanted to be on (the honor guard) since the ninth grade when I went to D.C. and saw the changing of the guard at the Arlington Cemetery,” he said.

Goodwin felt fortunate to be among the Kirtland Honor Guard performing honors for Air Force Cross recipient Senior Airman Jason Cunningham in a ceremony here in September attended by the Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff.

“Giving everything you can to make sure somebody else lives—there’s just no better mission than that,” Goodwin remarked.

In Goodwin’s off-duty hours, he spends time being a role model and friend to a sixth grade boy. He and his young friend met when Goodwin joined Big Brothers and Big Sisters through a program at the base. And, in the past year, he also has participated in activities of the Albuquerque Mountain Rescue group.